

HALL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WORK STUDY SESSION  
DECEMBER 30, 2003

SENATOR AGUILAR  
SENATOR BRULING  
SENATOR KREMER

THOUGHT THAT A BETTER STANDARD FROM COUNTY TO STATE WOULD BE  
BENEFICIAL

Brd fegley is budget and financial consultant has inforamtion concerning the justice  
systeme

Discussed with hall county justice system has icreased what can be done lot of dollars  
are going toward the jucicial system  
Showed the actual expenses of the judicial system general fund went up 2.96% judicial  
wet up 6.86% the costs of the com

Coputer costs are ot eincluded in the costs at 700,000.00 over a half of the general fund  
is going to the judicial system most of the propert tax asking is going toward the juducial  
system

What has to be paid on propert y tax is the bottom line  
They are asking if the county could work with only one lid if we grow can pay for things  
then there is a larger tax bas if the county has to work with both lids this makesi difficult  
the revenue lid placed more constrictuion to the county

Dicussion on the interlocal agreements Hall County has agresivly pursued interlocal  
agreements

Senotor Kremer asked how much Hall couanty has been cut do you go to a county  
sales tax could one be implemented th assist with judicial costs  
State aid has dorpped 100,000.00 in the last three years  
Judicial costs have gone up

With the revnueu rstirction lid we can only go up 500,000.00  
With the levy limitit is easy to explain cost that the county cannot control  
Vicki McDonald was presnt  
Hartman asked about coputer cost and the questioned the number of jury trials  
Has theree been discussion on sles tax across the board  
Senator Aguilar was leistation introduced that would tax everythingk except food and  
medical would be taxed on what you ake that discussion will cotinue sales and income  
tax would be fair  
Senator mcdonald income tax was disucssed but did not pass

Federal and state prision reimbursment  
This is because the state has ran out of dfunding for the state prisioner federal  
prisioners will pay the dail rates have the federal inmates have gone revenue is down

Local inmates have gone up

Give the county different avenues the restriction are difficult should there be a sales tax on counties

Dave Arnold and Pam talked about medical issues costs that come into the jails

Read statement are required to provide care to inmates have a nurse 3 times doctor once

Quoted the statistics cites several cases of medical cases of inmates

Lancaster medical costs are eating us alive

Arnold if cuts are made to the criminal justice budgets and you do not stop the crimes this in turn affects the entire community

If the county is required to provide inmate medical costs it is difficult to tell county employees that their benefits are being cut what are the community standards

Hall county case load is high and have more jury trials hall county is penalized for that tell the county attorney to do more plea bargains that may not be what the public wants

Can't control inmate medical

No control on justice system costs

Thinking that are mandated by the state why is the county limited

Bud Jeffries thanked for 91,000.00. still own Hall County discussed the valuation issues that the county sees

Valuation has increased and the spending just follows the increase of valuation

The more we grow the more we spend

Lancaster expense keep increasing done what to turn off the computer they are necessary expense

Dick sales tax will low income tax

Senator Kremer costs are areas that we cannot control discussion on jails costs and aid to counties mandates are a response to court orders

Successful to pay the bills that you can't pay if you were not successful doesn't have a solution same discussion on the legislative floor

Pam said restrictions on revenue would be helpful

Could there be a criteria for medical care is there established criteria that would apply to medical care

Senator Aguilar would like to issue a study community standards on medical care this area needs to be looked into

Hartman not the answer to raise the lid will only provide more money to spend

Levy limit and revenue lid have money but cannot spend

Cost that were to be reimbursed to the county the revenue restrict hurt that state owed but did not collect if it is not paid we have hurt

Seantor burling health care and medical cost increase courts set the standards need to include those people all branches need to be involved resources will not supply the need

In talking to judges need guidelines for indigent defense study use federal poverty level jerry piccols is there a right number need to pick a number and live with it

Senaotr kremer discussion on in forma pauperis on county on estate tax use estate tax for inheritance tax for capital assets if that were discontinued it would be a hardship on the county

Seantor mcdonald give a better level of care than that county provided medical services to inmate and that county refused to pay it was there inmate and we paid the medical fees

Brad used for south locust wood river and purchase of buildings

Bud concern on the percentage increases on salaries created concerns from other counties can't just keep cutting cut the purchase of cars but then have to pay for in the end give good services and they cost money people demand the services

Arnold indigent defense standard need to be a set standard and understand cost of enforcing should there be a penalty could encourage copay and repay on the indigent defense should be required to repay need to check if they are really indigent

Mandated costs we have to prosecute and defend

State looking at another judge for hall county that would be more expenses

Lancaster prescription drug buys in a bottle drugs in bubble packs so the cost of the drugs are more expensive than the drugs have to be administered by health care professions in the jail facility

Lancaster expensive homes are not taxed at the same percentage rates as other homes the taxes on that home should be comparable assessed on similar sales discussion on how they could be assessed should be based on the cost of construction not on like sales should be some way to address this talked to Cathy Lange concerning this counties are using the same process to assess but could this be changed

Scott these types of homes are equalized with other similar homes

Brad thanks for attendance ask for advice and direction have issues that need help with talking to jury legal society another district judge

Thanked

Adjourned 1:35